

withering scrutiny and criticism? I think, frankly, my friends should stop and realize we have 2 years ahead of us in this session. We need to work with one another. We have and we will. Starting with this approach is bad.

I call on Senator FRIST to call the Republican National Committee the first thing in the morning and tell them that they have to suspend this personal attack on HARRY REID. If we are going to work in a cooperative bipartisan fashion, this attack is going to poison the well.

There is another element here, too. I have some rules in my life that are hard and fast when it comes to politics, and one rule is that I never attack my opponent's family. Never. There have been ample opportunities when some relative of my opponent did something very embarrassing or I could have issued a press release and taken advantage of it. I never did it because I never want people attacking my family.

The Republican National Committee starts off their campaign by attacking Senator REID's family. I think the hot-

test ring in hell is reserved for politicians who attack their opponents' families, and I hope Senator FRIST believes that, too.

In 1962, Jack Kennedy and Barry Goldwater thought they would probably face each other in the 1964 Presidential race. As different as their politics were, they respected one another, and they respected the American tradition of government and debate. They hoped that if they did face each other in 1964, they would be able to hold a series of debates around the country on the big issues of the day.

That is how politics was going to be waged in 1964. That is exactly how it should be waged today. Let's not make this the politics of mudslinging and the politics of personal attack. Let's, early on in the session, say that we are going to address the great issues that face us in a responsible manner. We should make a bipartisan pact at this time that there will be no more politics of personal destruction.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:15 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 7, 2005:

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 5035:

To be admiral

VICE ADM. ROBERT F. WILLARD, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be admiral

ADM. JOHN B. NATHMAN, 0000